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SAMOS CHRONOLOGY - 1956-1959

28 May 1956

USAF Scientific Advisory Board recommended vigorous support of evaluation of reconnaissance satellite.

1957

National Academy of Sciences (ANSC study group on R&D objectives for USAF). Recommended earliest possible development of reconnaissance satellite.

9 Oct 1957

Scientific Advisory Board to Chief of Staff. (Dr. Stever, Chairman) Recommended that satellite surveillance system be developed at earliest date.

14 Mar 1958

Air Force Ballistic Missile Committee: Decided to accelerate WS 117L to begin test vehicle launching by November 1958.

Apr 1958

USAF Scientific Advisory Board: Recommended that WS 117L program be re-oriented to place emphasis on faster data recovery for visual system.

1958

Summary report of the National Academy of Sciences (Committee on Reconnaissance and Intelligence): Recommended full support of WS 117L.

16 Feb 1959

ARPA Order No. 9-58, Amendment No. 8: Approved in general re-oriented SENTRY program presented 4 February 1959 by the AFMD to ARPA.

3 Apr 1959

ARPA Order No. 9-58, Amendment No. 10: Approved. The AFMD SENTRY readout plan of 30 Jan 1959 for visual readout, visual recovery and ferret readout.

26 May 1959

ARPA-directed deletion of SENTRY mapping program.

24 Jun 1959

ARPA limits SENTRY to \$135 million and defers recovery program (\$25 million) pending review.

10 Sep 1959

OSD approves recovery program within \$148 million project total.

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